



MINUTES

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Pre-Meeting:

Mayor Thompson called the pre-meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room in the City Hall Annex building.

Attendance:

Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Rose, Lemley, Anderson, Kent and Luzzo Gilmour were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Community Development Director Jensen, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Energy Services Director Hammond and City Clerk Hopkins.

Agenda Items:

1. Horn Rapids Solar, Storage and Training Projects (HRSST) - Energy Northwest
(10 minutes)
- Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director

Mr. Hammond gave details about the project noting it has a combination of a standard power purchase agreement related to the solar power and a participant agreement related to the battery to store the solar power.

Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington gave details on the public education program on wildfire prevention provided to the Leslie Canyon area residents.

Mr. Jensen gave a brief update on the upcoming Planning Commission meeting and public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Discussion of Council Meeting Agenda Items

Council and staff briefly reviewed the proposed agenda scheduled for the regular meeting.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Thompson called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Welcome and Roll Call:

Mayor Thompson welcomed those in the audience and expressed appreciation for their attendance.

Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Christensen, Councilmembers Rose, Lemley, Anderson, Kent and Luzzo Gilmour were present.

Also present were City Manager Reents, Assistant City Manager Amundson, City Attorney Kintzley, Fire and Emergency Services Director Huntington, Community Development Director Jensen, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Police Services Captain Taylor, Energy Services Director Hammond and City Clerk Hopkins.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Thompson led the Council and audience in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KENT SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Public Hearing:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Public Hearing and Public Comments procedures.

1. Amending 2017 - 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Resolution No. 89-17
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Mr. Rogalsky said the TIP amendment is for accepting grant funds for the Duportail Bridge and the Columbia Park Trail improvements.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:33:15 p.m. as there were no comments.

Public Comments:

Ann Fraser, 570 Holly Street, Richland, WA, said would like to see the Vision Statement prominently displayed on the City media outlets and would like to see an inclusiveness statement adopted by the City.

Eileen Yokuda, 455 Mainmast Court, Richland, WA, said the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Richland is in 2018 and she would like to have an inclusiveness statement included in that celebration.

Kathy Sali, 1893 Young Grade Road, Yakima, WA, recommends Richland lift the marijuana ban to open the City for cannabis businesses. She started a petition requesting the ban on marijuana be lifted.

Ann Marx encouraged Richland to become an inclusive community.

Shir Reliev, 114 Patton Street, Richland, WA, said she is the daughter of immigrants and encourages Richland to become to be an inclusive community.

Laura Newberry, 618 Muriel Street, Richland, WA, said she is excited to attend the upcoming luau event at the John Dam Plaza and thanked the organizers for sponsoring this event.

Consent Calendar:

City Clerk Hopkins read the Consent Calendar.

Minutes:

1. Approve the Minutes of the Meetings Held on April 18 and 25, 2017
- Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

Ordinances - First Reading:

2. Ordinance No. 19-17, Amending RMC Title 23: Zoning Regulations (McDonald)
(Closed Record)
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director

Ordinances - Second Reading/Passage:

3. Ordinance No. 08-17, Issuance of 2017 Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bonds
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
4. Ordinance No. 09-17, Sale of 2017 Waterworks Utility Revenue and Refunding Bonds
- Cathleen Koch, Administrative Services Director
5. Ordinance No. 18-17, Authorizing Use of Eminent Domain for Duportail Bridge
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Resolutions – Adoption:

6. Resolution No. 87-17, Acceptance of Richland Public Library Donor Plaque
- Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director
7. Resolution No. 88-17, Authorizing the Submittal of a Washington State Department of Transportation Grant
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director
8. Resolution No. 89-17, Amending the 2017 - 2022 Transportation Improvement Program
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

9. Resolution No. 90-17, Authorizing an Amendment to Purchase Order Agreement with GeoDigital, Inc.
- Bob Hammond, Energy Services Director
10. Resolution No. 91-17, Approving the Final Plat of Rancho Del Ray 9
- Kerwin Jensen, Community Development Director
11. Resolution No. 92-17, Awarding Bid to Wheeler Excavation, LLC for Keene Village Water Service Replacement and Miscellaneous Utility Repairs
- Pete Rogalsky, Public Works Director

Items for Approval:

12. Authorize Travel for Councilmember Lemley
- Cindy Reents, City Manager

Expenditures - Approval:

13. Expenditures from April 24, 2017 - May 5, 2017 for \$10,563,098.60 including Check Nos. 244435-244824, Wire Nos. 6437-6453, Payroll Check Nos. 118863-119392, and Payroll Wire/ACH Nos. 9910-9931

MAYOR PRO TEM CHRISTENSEN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Reports and Comments:

1. City Manager Reents said the Benton County Emergencies Services Board reported they have reached a tentative agreement with Franklin County and the City of Pasco for a joint dispatcher center with Benton County Emergencies Services. The next step is for each entity to get approval of the agreement.
2. Council:

Councilmember Anderson said he did not support the marijuana business because it is still considered a federal offense and as many jobs in Richland are federal or federally funded, marijuana use by those employees would be considered illegal. He also said in 1973, Richland passed a Human Rights ordinance promoting equality among all people and demonstrates inclusiveness.

Councilmember Kent said the real issue is what actions the City and its citizens are going to do to make inclusiveness happen. She said she attended the recent Federal Bar Legal Education event and that she dined at Ethos Bakery and Café and stated it was excellent.

Councilmember Luzzo Gilmour said the City has many multi-culture events, including an upcoming Chinese Heritage Festival and believes the City can demonstrate its inclusiveness. She also complimented Ethos Bakery and Café and lastly, encouraged citizens to give their input on the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Lemley spoke on how Richland is an inclusive community. He also said the Kids Big Rigs Day event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017, in Columbia Park and that the Richland Senior Center is in need of donated knick-knacks to sell.

3. Mayor Thompson spoke on how he believes Richland is an inclusive community.

Adjournment:

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk

FORM APPROVED:



Robert J. Thompson, Mayor

DATE APPROVED:

6/6/17

DATE PUBLISHED:

6/7/17
